

Congress reauthorizes EDA

After months of negotiations between subcommittees of the House and Senate, Congress passed the reauthorization of the Education of the Deaf Act (EDA) during the first week in October.

The EDA, which provides legal authority for the operation of Gallaudet University, the Model Secondary School for the Deaf, Kendall Demonstration Elementary School, and the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, was first passed in 1986. It must be renewed every five years.

Gallaudet President I. King Jordan called the reauthorized bill "a thoughtful document that will assist Gallaudet in its ongoing efforts to be responsive and responsible both within the University and to its external publics, including the Congress and the federal government."

Although the EDA has been renewed, Gallaudet and the Department of Education still have one important point to negotiate within one year from the passage of the bill—an agreement governing operations, and the national mission activities of KDES and MSSD.

A section of the Committee on Education and Labor's report to Congress concerning Gallaudet's elemen-

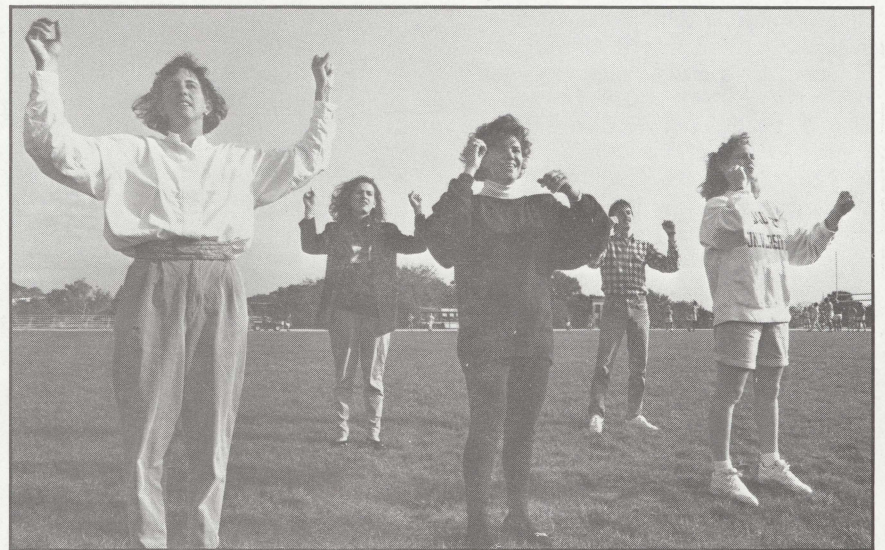
tary and secondary education programs states that while the basic mission of the two schools remains the same, the committee "has placed an emphasis on the development of innovative teaching and learning techniques to be used in a variety of environments in serving students who are deaf with a broad spectrum of needs. These are to include students who have secondary disabilities, are lower achieving academically, are from non-English speaking homes, are members of minority groups, or who are from rural areas. The Committee recognizes that these students require an educational program that responds to their individual learning and communication needs. Such a program may include, but not be limited to, American Sign Language, other sign systems, assistive listening and augmentative technology and services, auditory/oral learning, or a combination of approaches."

Amendments to the EDA were adopted that will impact the way Gallaudet conducts its business, according to Sue Ellis, the University's director of congressional relations.

One major amendment restricts the total enrollment of international students to approximately 10 percent of the total student body and mandates a change in the tuition surcharge for international students at Gallaudet. The EDA, as reauthorized, would increase the tuition for foreign students from the current 50 percent surcharge on top of the tuition that U.S. students pay to a 75 percent surcharge for 1993-94, and 90 percent through 1995. However, through an amendment introduced by Sen. Tom Harkin (D-Iowa), chairman of the Disabilities Policy Subcommittee, the EDA establishes a process whereby students from developing countries who cannot pay the surcharge can obtain a reduction each year to the 1992-93 rate of 50 percent.

Ellis said that during the negotiations on the bill, Dr. Jordan protested the original proposal to set a 135 percent surcharge for international students and was able to help negotiate a compromise.

Reflecting concerns by Congress about ways universities have used indirect cost funds from research grants, other amendments place certain restrictions on Gallaudet's use of appropriated funds for operations. These restrictions require the University's Board of Trustees to adopt policies related to expenses, including travel, fringe benefits, and sabbatical leave. The University will examine policies for the board to consider at its February meeting.



Gallaudet students rehearse the "Star Spangled Banner," which they will sign at the Washington Redskins home game against the New York Giants Nov. 1 at 8 p.m.

Nominations sought for SAC elections

In the final weeks before the Presidential election, as we scrutinize the leadership qualities of the candidates, Gallaudet staff may also want to take stock of their own leadership abilities or the abilities of their co-workers as potential nominees for the upcoming Staff Advisory Committee (SAC) election.

Five slots are open, all two-year terms, in the Nov. 17 election—four for the University and one for the Northwest Campus, according to SAC Chair Beth Singer. All Pre-College positions are currently filled.

Finishing their terms are Mary Ann Kinsella-Meier from the Northwest

Campus, and Rosa Mann, Eloise Molock-Casey, Agnes Muse, and Singer from Kendall Green. Returning for a second year on the SAC are Catherine Fischer from the Model Secondary School for the Deaf, Barbara Hunt from Kendall Demonstration Elementary School, Margery Miller from the Northwest Campus, and Elaine Vance from the University.

The SAC represents staff concerns on many University committees, including the Sign Communication Proficiency Interview Committee, the Task Force on University Policies, and the Parking Committee. In addition to its biweekly meetings, the SAC meets quarterly with President I. King Jordan, Special Assistant for Institutional Affairs Bette Martin, Personnel Director Denise Sullivan, and Administrative and Community Services Director La Varne Hines.

This year, the SAC also worked on a number of topics, including proposing a bonus plan for 'maxed-out' employees who are no longer eligible for merit increases, re-evaluating the merit increase and staff evaluation systems, proposing a campus-wide Staff Appreciation Day, and providing input on revisions to the Administration and Operations manual.

Any staff member who is interested in being nominated is encouraged to write in 40 words or less why he or she would be an asset to the SAC. Also include job title, department, and campus location. Nominations must be signed and delivered to MSSD, Room 200, by Oct. 28. The slate of nominees and the reasons that each person wants to serve on the SAC will be printed in the Nov. 9 issue of *On the Green*.

For more information, call Singer at x4444 or x5267, or E-mail BSINGER.

Errant rodent causes blackout

If a rat funeral is held for the rodent that was jolted to Kingdom Come after crawling into a major transformer Oct. 14, its eulogy will be that it took most of Kendall Green's electrical power along for the ride.

According to Fred Kendrick, director of the Physical Plant Department, a rodent ventured into a main transformer outside of Hall Memorial Building, probably via an underground cable. Once inside, the animal was electrocuted by 13,200 volts of electricity, which in turn blew out the transformer.

Electrical power to the area from Cogswell Hall south to the front of campus went out at 12:40 p.m. and was restored by 7:20 p.m. Traffic signals bordering the campus on Florida Avenue were also reportedly knocked out, causing gridlock for motorists. Employees in the affected areas of campus were sent home. KDES, MSSD, the Central Utilities Building, the Appleby Building, and Carlin, Clerc, and Benson halls were not affected by the outage.

The roving rodent shares the same fate as a possum that wandered into the transformer on May 23, 1991, knocking out power to the same areas of campus for almost 14 hours.

Gallaudet tops list of 'up and coming'

Gallaudet, for the second year in a row, was number one on the list of "up and coming" regional liberal arts colleges in the North published in *U.S. News and World Report's* 1993 College Guide.

"Up and comers" are determined by liberal arts college and university presidents and deans as institutions that are advancing the most rapidly, based on their recent educational innovations and improvements.

Gallaudet has fared among the best institutions in terms of academic reputation since the inception of the *U.S. News and World Report* survey, in which 450 schools across the nation are ranked.

"I'm delighted that Gallaudet continues to be ranked among America's best colleges," said University President I. King Jordan. "The methodology and criteria change each year, so our continued high marks are a real tribute to all of us."

Announcements

A fund has been started for a memorial bench and plaque honoring Paul Cunningham, former chair of the Biology Department, who died Aug. 8. Checks should be made out to Gallaudet University with "Cunningham memorial gift" written on the bottom and sent to the attention of Connie Allen or Chandra Darke in the Development Office. Contributors will receive a receipt for income tax purposes.

Tickets to deaf comedian Mary Beth Miller's performance at Elstad Auditorium Oct. 29 at 8 p.m. will be sold in Ely Center from noon-1 p.m. Oct. 19, 21, 23, and 26. Tickets cost \$10. People who paid the full registration fee for the "ASL in Schools: Policies and Curriculum" conference will receive complimentary tickets. For more information, call Lynn Jacobowitz at x5721.

The Child Development Center invites Gallaudet parents to an Oct. 26 lecture by psychologist Mary MacTurk about setting limits with children. MacTurk will speak twice: noon-1 p.m. and 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the Ely Center Art Exhibit Room.

Dr. Susan Mather, a research associate with the Gallaudet Research Institute, will present "Classroom Turn-Taking Mechanism: Effective Strategies for Using Eye Gaze as a Regulator" as part of the Sign Language Lecture Series Nov. 4 from noon-1 p.m. in the Ely Center Multipurpose Room.

The Faculty Development Committee invites full-time faculty members to submit proposals for Fiscal Year 1993 funds by Nov. 4. Funds may go to organize lectures or workshops, develop materials and implement activities, or participate in a number of professional self-improvement activities. For information, call or E-mail Bob Harrison, x6426, RDHARRISON; Janice Becker, x8-5830, JMBECKER; Irene Leigh, x5540, IWLEIGH; Jim Madachy, x5594, JLMADACHY; or Jane Norman, x5115, JNORMAN.

Dr. Kathryn Meadow-Orlans, senior research professor, and Dr. Jeffrey Lewis, assistant professor of counseling, will be among the speakers at the second annual conference on Mental Health Issues with Deaf Children and Adolescents, sponsored by the Maryland School for the Deaf (MSD) and the MSD Foundation, to be held Nov. 6 at MSD's Columbia campus from 9 a.m.-3:45 p.m. Registration is \$50 (\$35 for full-time students). For more information, call James Tucker, superintendent, at (301) 662-4159 (V/TDD) or Brian Alles, school psychologist, (410) 485-9611 (V/TDD).

Questions and Answers about Cochlear Implants and Questions and Answers about Tinnitus are available from the National Information Center on Deafness (NICD) for \$1 each. The *Directory of National Organizations of and for Deaf and Hard of Hearing People and Publications from the National Information Center on Deafness* will be included with these orders. To order, contact NICD, Merrill Learning Center, Room LE54.

Reports by Frances Parsons, associate professor and coordinator of international history collections for the Gallaudet Library, on her recent visits to schools for deaf students in France and New Zealand are on reserve at the Library information desk. Copies may be made of the reports.

Questions and concerns about the D.C. Relay system can be expressed at an information forum sponsored by the National Association of the Deaf on Saturday, Oct. 24, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Capitol Hill. For reservations, call (301) 587-1789 (TDD) by Oct. 20.

Arena Stage deal to benefit MSSD

Theater lovers can enjoy sign-interpreted performances at Arena Stage this season at a discount and support Model Secondary School for the Deaf students at the same time by purchasing their tickets through MSSD.

The Performing Arts Program at MSSD is selling 20 season tickets at \$20 per show for Thursday and Sunday evenings of the eight-show season—about \$10 less than the usual price—with part of the proceeds going to the Performing Arts Program. Patrons also can buy tickets to shows individually for \$22 each, which is about \$8 less than the usual cost, and sponsor an MSSD student to attend performances.

Patrons also are invited to a reception with cast, crew, interpreters, and sign masters following each performance. In addition, scripts of each show will be on reserve in the MSSD Learning Resource Center, and synopses will be available upon request.

Plays included in this year's season are "Of Thee I Sing," "Way of the World," "Blood Knot," "Right You Are, If You Think You Are," "The African Company Presents Richard III," "Summer and Smoke," "Brothers Karamazov," and "Skin of Our Teeth."

To purchase tickets, send checks made payable to MSSD Performing Arts, attention Tim McCarty.



Students at MSSD rehearse a scene from "The Gang Rival of Love" for their Theatre Showcase Festival to be held Oct. 22-24 at 7:30 p.m.

Students debate education matters

In the spirit of the debates that the presidential candidates have engaged in, Gallaudet students squared off Oct. 5 to debate the positions of the Democratic and Republican presidential hopefuls on education matters.

At the debate, which was held at the fall meeting of the Kappa Delta Pi Honorary Society in Education, a panel of three students in the Government Department who had attended both of the national political conventions last summer presented the positions of President George Bush and challenger Bill Clinton.

Responses to the positions were then given by three students majoring in education and administration.

The presenters indicated the Democratic stance on federal support for schools, the 'Inner Peace Corps' concept related to service after college, the national apprenticeship system, methods of repayment of college loans, support for child care, and public school choice.

The views of the Republican political camp were then given on credits for parents for day care, local and state control of education, support for home schooling, opposition to publicly

supported sex education, the 'America 2000' program, methods of repayment of college loans, and the involvement of the business community in donations to education.

Debate centered on issues related to local versus federal control of education, ways to continue supporting education in the face of the national budget deficit, the measurement of teacher quality, recognition of cultural differences in the classroom, each party's respective position in relation to the involvement in the political conventions by people who are deaf, and ways to create more competitive school systems and more motivated teachers.

The students who attended the 1992 political conventions said that regardless of their own political convictions, they were impressed by a number of things they observed at the convention—the clear sense of patriotism displayed, the spirit of compromise that delegates showed in arriving at the party platforms, the degree to which the news media controls what the populace learns of convention proceedings, and the wide involvement of party members in the process of determining party platforms.

Classified Ads

Classified ads are printed free for Gallaudet faculty and staff. Ads must be submitted in writing to *On the Green*, MSSD, Room G-37, or E-mail LMMCCONNELL. Off-campus phone numbers must include an area code and whether the number is voice or TDD. Ads may be run two weeks if requested and if space permits. Ads received Oct. 19-23 will be published Nov. 2.

FREE: Room and board to adult male to share Md. apt. w/older deaf man who uses a wheelchair, in exchange for a few hours of assistance weekly, fluency in sign language essential, terms nego. Call Leo Jacobs, (301) 985-4834 (TDD) or E-mail LCJACOBS.

FOUND: Ladies' ring on 6th St. on Oct. 5. Call Carol, x5575, or E-mail CATRAXLER.

FOR RENT: 1-BR basement apt. in Cleveland Park, D.C., W/D, parking, 1 block to Metro, walking distance to P.O., restaurants, grocery store, avail. Nov. 1, \$450/mo. Call Teresa, x6053 (TDD), or E-mail TMEZZELL.

LOST: Cameo ring in Student Health Service, MSSD bathroom, great sentimental value. Call x5090, or E-mail JDEPALMA.

FREE: To good home, male cocker spaniel, approx. 4 yrs. old, AKC, house and obedience trained, all shots/wormed, good w/kids, will bring to campus for you to see. E-mail IIRMAHER or P.O. Box 1134.

FOR RENT: Room w/private bath in new townhouse near Laurel, Md., avail. Nov. 1,

\$350/mo. incl. util. Call Paul, (301) 699-2868 (TDD) 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

FOR RENT: Large basement room and small room in townhouse in Laurel, Md., share house privileges, CAC, W/D, DW, screened porch, nonsmokers only; large room, \$325/mo. plus util.; small room, rent plus util. Call Elizabeth, (301) 604-4190 (TDD) eves.

WANTED: Babysitting jobs anytime and/or odd jobs on weekends. E-mail 11WLIANG.

FOR RENT: 3-BR, 1-bath home on Capitol Hill, G Street 1/2 block from Potomac Metro, quiet street w/no through traffic, fireplace, W/D, CAC, pets and/or short-term lease okay, \$995 plus util. Call (202) 544-5046 (TDD).

Job Openings

Some of the advertised positions may already be filled. The list below includes only new staff and faculty openings and does not represent all jobs available. To get a recorded message describing the complete list, call x5358 or x5359 (TDD).

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